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PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a utility patent application

Of: Yasuhiro Mori – Minebea Co., Ltd.

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURE AND APPARATUS FOR A PIVOT ASSEMBLY

ENCLOSED are the following:

1. ☒ Specification, abstract and claims (21 pages)
2. ☒ 6 sheets of ☐ formal ☒ informal drawings (Figs. 1-11)
Suggested Figure for Publication: _____
3. ☒ Declaration
☐ Signed ☒ unsigned -- Japanese Declaration/Power of Attorney
☐ Copy from a prior application (for continuation/divisional)
4. ☒ Application Data Sheet
5. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
6. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449
7. ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation sheet (*Fee calculated separately*)
8. ☐ The prior application is assigned to: _____
The assignment was recorded on _____ at reel _____ and frame _____.
☐ A copy of the assignment from the prior application is enclosed.

9. ☐ Non-Publication Request

10. ☐ Other:

NOTE the following:

11. ☐ This application is made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (b) and is a
☐ Continuation ☐ Continuation-In-Part ☐ Divisional
of Prior Application No. _____ filed _____

12. ☐ An Extension of time is filed concurrently herewith for the parent application.

13. Small Entity Status:

☐ Applicant is a small entity

☐ Small entity status claimed in the parent application is no longer proper

14. ☒ Applicants claim priority from the following application(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

15. ☐ Applicants claim priority from the following application(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 120:

Serial Number

2002-250455

Country

Japan

Filing Date

August 29, 2002

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Yes

16. ☐ Cancel claims _____ prior to calculation of the filing fee.

FILING FEE: calculated below (after accounting for any preliminary amendment or claims cancellations if noted above):

Basic Filing Fee			\$750.00
Total No. Claims	Extra Claims(Total-20)	Fee / claim	
8	0	\$18.00	\$0
Total No. Independent Claims	Extra Independ.(No.-3)	Fee / claim	
3	0	\$84.00	\$0
Multiple dependent claim? + \$280			\$0
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Small Entity? less 50%			\$0
TOTAL FEE DUE			\$750.00

17. ☒ A check in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed (must at least cover the basic fee).

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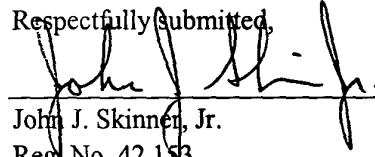
In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted in the pending prior application, and in the event that a separate petition for the pending prior application is not filed on even date, applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R.1.136(a) for an extension of time in the pending prior application of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due in connection with such a petition to Deposit Account No. 50-0675.

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